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Also, it is imperative that the FCC not allow cable companies to bypass the previous decisions of the FCC using Switched Digital Video (SDV) or other technologies. Ultimately, if true competition is to take hold, the FCC needs to make it illegal for cable companies to offer any channel with the disclaimer "not available to CableCard subscribers". Without this ruling, the CableCard and all its benefits will be easily subverted by the Cable industry, by simply making their most wanted channels "not available".

Sincerely,

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